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SUBJECT: EXTRADITION: JOHN HERBERT MEIER

REF: (A) STATE 22502 (B) SUVA 7893

1. GOA ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE INFORMS EMBASSY THAT INFORMATION IT HAS RECEIVED FROM TONGA CONVINCES IT THAT MEIER HAS NO DIPLOMATIC STATUS IN AUSTRALIA AS A REPRESENTATIVE, COURIER OR LEGATE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TONGA. ACCORDINGLY, AUSTRALIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMONWEALTH POLICE IN N.S.W. REQUESTING IT TO ARREST MEIER PROVISIONALLY ON AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, IF IN FACT HE IS AT ADDRESS SUPPLIED BY DEPARTMENT. UNDER APPLICABLE AUSTRALIAN LAW AUTHORITIES CAN HOLD MEIER FOR UP TO 36 HOURS.

2. GOA EXPECTS MEIER TO BE ARRAIGNED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. HE WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE SAME MAGISTRATE WHO (ERRONEOUSLY) RELEASED HIM LAST TIME. GOA EMPHASIZES THAT THEY MUST RECIEVE REQUISITE DOCUMENTATION FROM US WELL WITHIN 45 DAYS, INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL OF THE (UTAH) COURT ORDER, WHICH THEY WILL RETURN AFTER ITS PURPOSE IS SERVED. ADDITIONALLY, ACTING MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SINCLAIR
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HAS SIGNED A CERTIFICATE UNDER ARTICLE 14 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (PRESUMABLY CERTIFYING THAT MEIER IS NOT ACCREDITED TO THE DFA). ALSO, GOA IS CANCELLING MEIER'S DIPLOMATIC VISA.
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